

Full Name: Casey Elaine Suggs **Gaston County**
Poem 1: Dream Song 14, by John Berryman
Poem 2: A Country Boy in Winter, by Sarah Orne Jewett
Poem 3: I Am Offering This Poem, by Jimmy Santiago Baca

Full Name: Jessi Noah **Stokes County**
Poem 1: I am Offering This Poem, by Jimmy Santiago Baca
Poem 2: The New Decalogue, Ambrose Bierce
Poem 3: Chorus Sacerdotum, by Fulke Greville

Full Name: Caroline Jones **Sampson County**
Poem 1: Sign, by George Starbuck
Poem 2: Two Guitars, by Victor Hernandez Cruz
Poem 3: Ah! Why, Because the Dazzling Sun, by Emily Brontë

Full Name: Lili Flores **New Hanover County**
Poem 1: Ah! Why, Because the Dazzling Sun, by Emily Brontë
Poem 2: Cabezón, by Amy Beeder
Poem 3: There Are Birds Here, by Jamaal May

Full Name: Isaiah Lewis **Dare County**
Poem 1: The Man with the Hoe, by Edwin Markham
Poem 2: The Gaffe, by C.K. Williams
Poem 3: Vixen, by W.S. Merwin

Full Name: Faith Marie Mercado **Columbus County**
Poem 1: Do Not, by Steve Smith
Poem 2: I Am Offering this Poem, by Jimmy Santiago Baca
Poem 3: I Remember, I Remember, by Thomas Hood

Full Name: Hannah Brewer **Pender County**
Poem 1: [I Carry Your Heart With Me (I Carry It In)], by E.E. Cummings
Poem 2: American Smooth, by Rita Dove
Poem 3: Echo, by Christina Rossetti

Full Name: Olivia Dorothy Wilson **Catawba County**
Poem 1: Poor Angels, by Edward Hirsch
Poem 2: God's Grandeur, by Gerard Manley Hopkins
Poem 3: The Strength of Fields, by James L. Dickey

Full Name: Maria Ysabelle Cristobal Cruzat **Forsyth County**
Poem 1: It would be neat if with the New Year, by Jimmy Santiago Baca
Poem 2: The Passionate Shepard to His Love, by Christopher Marlowe
Poem 3: The End, by Liesel Mueller

Full Name: Cordelia Gilligan **Durham County**

Poem 1: Monet Refuses the Operation, by Liesel Mueller

Poem 2: An Autumn Sunset, by Edith Wharton

Poem 3: ['Often Rebuked, Yet Always Back Returning'], by Emily Brontë

Full Name: Sophia Mosby

Buncombe County

Poem 1: Let the Light In, by Francis Ellen Watkins Harper

Poem 2: The End of Science Fiction, by Liesel Mueller

Poem 3: Lunar Baedeker, by Mina Loy

Full Name: Yorjannys Gomez

Guilford County

Poem 1: "Hope" is the thing with feathers, by Emily Dickinson

Poem 2: The Waking, Theodore Roethke

Poem 3: The Listeners, by Walter De La Mare

Full Name: Savannah Peters ("Jade")

Jackson County

Poem 1: A Graveyard, by Marianne Moore

Poem 2: Memory as a Hearing Aid, by Tony Hoagland

Poem 3: Invictus, by William Ernest Henley

Full Name: Uriel Reyes-Rubio ("Uri")

Davidson County

Poem 1: I Am Trying To Break Your Heart, by Kevin Young

Poem 2: What It Looks Like To Us and the Words We Use, by Ada Limon

Poem 3: Invictus, by William Ernest Henley

Full Name: Grace Karen Nystrom

Alamance County

Poem 1: Speak, by Philip B. Williams

Poem 2: They Feed They Lion, by Philip Livine

Poem 3: The Maldive Shark, by Herman Melville

Full Name: Hannah Register

Union County

Poem 1: Caged Bird, by Maya Angelou

Poem 2: I Felt a Funeral, in my Brain, by Emily Dickinson

Poem 3: Zacuanpopalotls, by Brenda Cardenas

Full Name: Faith Bowen

Johnston County

Poem 1: Candles, by Carl Dennis

Poem 2: For the young who want to, by Marge Piercy

Poem 3: Silence, by Thomas Hood

Full Name: Maggie Riggans

Surry County

Poem 1: The End of Science Fiction, by Liesel Mueller

Poem 2: For the young who want to, by Marge Piercy

Poem 3: The Seekers of Life, by Arthur Rimbaud

Full Name: Sierra Rose LaPlante ("Sierra")

Wilkes County

Poem 1: The Death of Allegory, by Billy Collins

Poem 2: It Couldn't Be Done, by Edgar Albert Guest

Poem 3: La Belle Dame sans Merci: A Ballad, by John Keats

Full Name: Helen Glazunov

Wake County

Poem 1: Baudelaire by Delmore Schwartz

Poem 2: Dirge without music by Edna St. Vincent Millay

Poem 3: Revenge by Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Full Name: Jac'Aja Sha'Kay Buffaloe

Northhampton County

Poem 1: That Country, by Grace Paley

Poem 2: The Blues Don't Change, by Al Young

Poem 3: Grief, by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Full Name: Casey Ryan Goggin

Moore County

Poem 1: To Elise, by William Carlos Williams

Poem 2: The Applicant, by Sylvia Plath

Poem 3: A March in the Ranks Hard-Prest, and the Road Unknown, by Walt Whitman

Full Name: Daydriane Racquel Chapman

Craven County

Poem 1: Her Kind, by Anne Sexton

Poem 2: Caged Bird, by Maya Angelou

Poem 3: The Paradox, by Paul Laurence Dunbar

Full Name: Madison Grey Mooring ("Maddie")

Wayne County

Poem 1: Envy, by Mary Lamb

Poem 2: Writing, by Howard Nemerov

Poem 3: The Way It Sometimes Is, by Henry Taylor

Full Name: Morgan Alexandria Futrell-McMillan

Brunswick County

Poem 1: No Moon Floods the Memory of That Night, by Etheridge Knight

Poem 2: A Song In The Front Yard, by Gwendolyn Brooks

Poem 3: Romance, by Claude McKay

Full Name: Christian Gentry

Haywood County

Poem 1: Advice to a Prophet, by Richard Wilbur

Poem 2: The Destruction of the Sennacherib, by Lord Byron

Poem 3: Degrees of Gray in Phillipsburg, by Richard Hugo

Full Name: Phebe Cantey

Lenoir County

Poem 1: Dulce Et Decorum Est, by Wilfred Owen

Poem 2: Queens Cemetery, Setting Sun, by Lawrence Ferlinghetti

Poem 3: A March in the Ranks Hard-Prest and the Road Unknown, by Walt Whitman